



## **Victoria Lyo, MD, MTM, FACS Appointed Dean's Scholar in Women's Health Research**

Congratulations, Victoria Lyo, MD, on being appointed the Dean's Scholar in Women's Health Research by the UC Davis School of Medicine's Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) program. This five-year mentored K-type research award allows Dr. Lyo to further her research in Sex Differences in Response to Bariatric Surgery. She is studying how microbiome and metabolomic differences may contribute to sex-specific outcomes of surgery with the help of her mentor team Dr. Mohamed Ali, Dr. Sean Adams, Dr. Bethany Cummings, and Dr. Anne Schafer. This award builds upon her research grant from the Society of Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons and allows her to develop her other interests in obesity-related fatty liver disease.

Created by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH), the Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH, pronounced "birch") is a mentored career-development program designed to connect junior faculty, known as BIRCWH Scholars, to senior faculty with a shared interest in women's health and sex differences research. Since the program was created in 2000, 88 grants to 44 institutions supporting more than 700 junior faculty have been awarded by ORWH and its partners among the NIH institutes and centers.

The goal of the UC Davis School of Medicine BIRCWH program is to create an academic environment for women's health researchers at UC Davis that facilitates their career development and encourages paradigm-shifting, interdisciplinary collaboration and team-based research approaches across our campus and beyond to advance research on women's health and sex differences.

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